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This week, the Yew Times will be interviewing local witch, Grizelda and hear her views on the new edict concerning the Halloween period extension.

Our reporter has made his way over to a rather run down residence past several odd signs stating "Gingerbread house ahead."

TY: Excuse me maam, I am with the Yew Times and I was hoping to get a word with you regarding the recently changes in the Halloween schedule.

G: Well, I'm rather BUSY at the moment..

YT: It won't take but a few moments.

G: Well, come in already. As I said, I have a lot of preparations to make.

YT: You mean, regarding the change in the holiday schedule?

G: Yes. Now that everything is starting almost a whole month earlier and running until the end of the month, I have less time to get ready, since everyone will probably be tired of the whole thing in 2 weeks.

YT: I noticed the signs for the gingerbread house along the path leading here, were you planning to magically transform this house into gingerbread somehow?

G: Signs? I have no idea what you're talking about. I bet it's some kind of

prank. You know how
some of these kids are.

Just a bunch of rascals.

YT: I see you have a
bunch of apples over
here, probably ready for
the trick or treat bags.

G: Actually, those are for
the apple bobbing game
over here.

YT: But, that's a
cauldron.

G: I'm trying to go with
the theme, you see.

YT: That is a mighty
large oven you have. It
looks brand new.

G: I just had it installed.
That is for.. um.. all the
baking I have planned.
Cookies, cakes and all
that. I sure am going to
be BUSY!

YT: Are all those wooden
cages in the corner, part
of the Halloween
festivities?

G: Let's see... That is
for..TRAPPING THE IMPS
AND TROUBLESOME
GOBLINS! That's it! You
don't want them showing
up and ruining a good
time. Let me tell ya!

YT: And that's quite a
lot of boxes of instant
stuffing you have set out
here on the counter.

Stove Top stuffing..."for
CHILDREN?!"

G: I'm sure that's a typo.
It's supposed to be "for
chicken"

YT: and what about these
decorative roast frills?

They look big enough to
put on the drumsticks of
a roast ostrich.

G: Well, look at the time.
Well, it was nice having
you stop by for a visit.
And mind the trap door
on your way out. Very
BUSY here!

YT: Well, thank you for
your time.

YT: And there you have
it. Witches working

overtime getting ready
for the new schedule.
Surely, many witches will
be similarly affected, but
we're certain that it will
not disrupt celebrations
overall.

Britannia today mourns
the passing of one of
her most cherished and
loved personalities,
Ratcatcher Tim. Tim was
a gentle soul, fondly
remembered for his
outgoing nature and
colorful smile likened to
that of a stained glass
window with its many
greens, browns, and golds
lined with black etching.
Ever he would impress an
audience with his
ratcatching skills, worming
his way under houses and
through barn rafters,
deftly catching vermin;
sometimes without the
use of his hands. He
would then tie his catch
to his cane pole and
entertain the children
with a little rat dance or
chorus line. Tim will be
fondly remembered for his
service and indomitable
spirit in ridding our
towns of pestilence so
that we can live in good
health. We thank you
Ratcatcher Tim. Rest in
Peace.

Are you tired of the
same old worn-out,
weathered, wooden leg
that all the unfortunate

pirates and seafarers are wearing? If that's the case, then perhaps it's time you took a look at Peg's Legs. Peg's Legs offers a grand selection of ornate and stylishly carved whalebone legs that will turn heads when you walk by. Tell the tales of your sea days beautifully illustrated in an etched scrimshaw design, or step out and show off your finer taste with an intricately crafted piece that looks more woven than carved. Every one is durable and will last for decades, because they won't weather in the salty brine air, and that's a promise. Every piece is a winner, but only one is just right for you. So, hobble on in, and we'll find the right accessory for you.

Travellers Tips: When travelling in wilderness regions where you are bound to encounter headless ones. Take care not to offend them by wearing hats or other head covering which might upset them. Believed to be the product of some mad mage's experiments, the headless have suffered at the cost of never being able to experience the joy of wearing a fine peice of headwear. Thus, wearing a hat is sure to drive them into a rage through sheer envy. So remember, when in the company of headless, be thoughtful, go hatless.

Hi, I'm Harvey Croblink and I am the entrepreneur

and idea man of
tomorrow. I brought to
Britannia many great
inventions like the Small
Soulforge Display and the
Captain's Wheel Sextant
for the Home. If you are
like me, then you are
probably thinking "Why
are all these elementals
running around freely?"
and "Why aren't they
working for us and
making our lives easier?"
Imagine! A world where
every household has
elementals doing all the
time consuming and costly
chores! Fire elementals
heating your home during
the cold winter, air
elementals cooling your
home in the summer or
even cooling your soup.
Your own water elemental
can be there for bathing
on the go or to clean
off the sidewalks. You
can even ship them
en-masse to arid areas
so people can drink them!
How does that sound for
a solution to the world's
problems? Mom can even
plant seeds in her own
personal earth elemental,
so she can win ribbons in
worldwide flowershow
competitions for her
walking garden. If these
images get your wheels
spinning, then perhaps you
can help me get my idea
off the ground. If you
are interested in providing
funds to make this dream
possible, I will be staying
this week at the Ironwood
Inn, right outside of
Vesper. Please leave a
message on the bulletin
board with your address
if I am unavailable, and I
will arrange to meet you
personally. Thank you for
your time.